



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- Dec 23-26** Village Office Closed: Christmas
Jan 1 Village Office Closed: New Year's Day
Jan 8 6:30 pm Economic Development Commission
Jan 13 7:00 pm & Council Meeting
Jan 19 Village Office Closed: Martin Luther King Day
Jan 20 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting
Jan 26 6:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFCALF RECREATION COMPLEX

CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK

- JAN 5 -** SCHOOL RESUMES
JAN 12 - 31 PRE-REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING 2014-2015 FAMILIES

HOA ANNUAL MEETING FOR ALL LAKE PARK RESIDENTS

- JAN 6 - 6:30 PM SIGN IN** CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK

SAGES EVENTS

- JAN 5 - 1:00 PM CARD GAMES** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
JAN 9 - 7:00 PM SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION: 882-2005
JAN 19 - 11:15 AM LUNCH MEET AT LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES

- JAN 8 - 7:00 PM** **AGES 45+**
FOR LOCATION & OTHER INFO: 882-3107

ONCE-A-MONTH FURNITURE PICKUP

- JAN 8 - 7:00 AM** **SECOND THURSDAY ONLY**
PLACE BULKY ITEMS AT CURB

EDC MANAGERIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

- JAN 14 - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM** 882-9692
LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Lake Park Villager JANUARY ISSUE INSERTION DEADLINE

- JAN 16 - 5:00 PM** CONTACT SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB: OUTDOOR LIVING DESIGN WITH TERRY SMITH

- JAN 19 - 7:00 PM** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Christmas Events

Lake Park Lights: The Lisa and David Brown family's musical lighting shows play every half hour from 6 till 9pm at 4019 Lake Charles Way. Last show will be 9:30pm New Year's Day. The Union County Christmas Bureau benefits from any offerings if spectators wish to donate at the program. More info at www.lakeparklights.com.

Sunday Dec 7 Christmas Events: Over 150 adults and children gathered in Town Center for a relaxed evening. Special thanks to the HOA organizers who provided horse-drawn carriage rides and refreshments, to Garden Club for the poinsettia, door wreaths and decorated tree in the Community Center, and to Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Faith United Methodist Church pastor Rev. Lonnie Pittman opened the gazebo concert with a prayer. Jennifer Nicks and James Matthews sang duets. Christmas songs were also performed by 9 Union Academy music students: EJ Collins, Andrew Elliott, Arte Elliot, Kaitlyn Havican, Brian Kirwan, Leeane Mahle, Caitie O'Grady, James Prather and Clara Ungerer. 2014 Hometown Heroes Ashley and Shannon Dance lit the Meeting Street Christmas tree.

Mike Wienecke's annual installation of village lights, banners, wreaths and garlands in the village parks and public areas was also recognized.

Holiday Waste Collection

Waste Pro's normal Thursday pick up moves to Friday for the weeks of Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King. Both trash carts and recycle bins will be emptied Friday in each holiday week.

Bulk waste will not be interrupted; that means that furniture pickups will be picked up as usual on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Next is January 8.

Sign Limits in Public Areas

Council passed clarification to our zoning ordinance: all sign placement in public areas must be pre-approved by our zoning administration. Call Cheri Clark before putting up signs.



Peace on Earth

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

officer@lakeparknc.gov

Economic Development

Regenes Skin Studio is in Town Center. Owner Terry McConnell offers various corrective treatments for acne, discoloration, laser hair removal, skin tightening, Botox, and more at 6204 Creft Circle: 882-8443 or regenesisskinstudio.com.

Council Appointed Two EDC Commissioners:

Sharon Williams, owner of Total Tranquility Salon in Town Center is appointed to her third 3-year term on the EDC. Mark Philips is appointed to the one year remaining on the unexpired term. Mark serves on Village Council and is a partner in a home based computer service on Trevor Simpson Drive.

Parks & Recreation

2014 Pool Season Report: 778 pool memberships set a new record for the Lake Park recreational complex. 20% of the memberships were purchased by non-residents, a side benefit of the local Piranhas swim team being open to non-resident participation. In combination with income from daily passes, fees covered 86% of the season's operating expenses.

Parks & Recreation: Terms for two of the volunteer commissioners expire in February. P&R oversees village public areas and facilities and sponsors Lake Park events such as celebration of July Fourth and the November Chili Cook-off. Contact David Cleveland, Fabian Szarko or Cheri Clerk if you are interested in applying for a 3-year position.

HOA Opportunities Jan 6

Four Lake Park Homeowner Association Board seats become available in January. Interested residents may contact lakepark@braesael.com and are urged to attend the Annual Meeting Jan 6.

2013-14 Audit Report

Cheryl Bennett received the independent auditor Robert M Burns CPA report. The audit annually verifies the integrity of the village's accounting practice. Fun fact: NC mandates 8% of the village budget be held in reserve for emergencies.

Council Adopts County Plan

Council unanimously adopted the Union County Emergency Operations Plan on December 9. Lake Park contracts maintenance of public areas (parks, pools, roads, public buildings), deputy services and waste collection. A major emergency could require cooperation and support from state and county agencies. Lake Park is eligible to apply for state support. Union County's local plan supplement now assures Lake Park's eligibility for county assistance if the village had to declare a state of emergency.

Calling More Photos

Pictures of Lake Park scenes or of people at local activities events are wanted for the official Lake Park government website. Without a professional photographer, amateurs are needed.—Send any number of photos to Pam Jack or Mark Phillips. The upgraded website is expected to roll out live at the current lakeparknc.gov site in the near future.

Professional Skills Workshop

Byrum Pruitt, from The Employers Association in Charlotte, will present a half-day professional management skills enrichment seminar at the Community Center Wed Jan 14 for Lake Park's school, church and business owners and managers, 8am-1pm. Breakfast, lunch and class materials are included so please call 704-882-9692 to register early. The EDC is sponsoring the program and waiving fees for the first person registering from each invited Lake Park organization. Each additional person may register for only \$25 each. Invitation reminder postcards were mailed early this month to all stand-alone organizations and to any home-based business paying over \$5 village tax in 2013.

Faulty Street Light?

Report the pole plate number and problem to John Barnes. Contacts are in the Call List (upper left).